

Who we are and what we do...

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) was created in 1973 by an act of the Connecticut State Legislature. Under

Sections 46a-1 through 46a-6 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a seventeen-member Commission, the staff and volunteers work to eliminate sex discrimination in Connecticut.

As required by statute, the PCSW studies all matters concerning women; informs the leaders of business, education and government about the nature and scope of sex discrimination; serves as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women; promotes consideration of qualified women to all levels of government positions; and works with state agencies to assess programs and practices as they affect women. (C.G.S. 46a-4)

As a method of fulfilling our mandate to serve as a liaison between government and private interest groups, the PCSW convenes the Women's Economic Development Initiative (WEDI). WEDI is a coalition of advocates, legislators, leaders in government and the business community that meet on a regular basis to create and enhance economic development for women business owners in Connecticut.

Women Owned Business Initiative

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Goals of the Women's Economic Development Initiative

- To educate the public and policy makers about the services and benefits provided by the culturally diverse women owned businesses in Connecticut
- To work with advocates, legislators, leaders in government and the business community to eliminate obstacles to women's economic development; and
- To ensure a strong, unified voice of many diverse women's business groups working together for the economic development of women.

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s part of the WEDI project, the PCSW is compiling a database of women owned businesses in Connecticut. The purpose of this database is to create and enhance women's economic development opportunities.

If you would like to be listed, please complete the information to the right and return it to the PCSW. Information in this database will be made available to government and private sources for contracts and for the PCSW to conduct research regarding the important issues facing women business owners. By completing this form, you are granting permission to release this information. If you would like more information about the database or the Women's Economic Development Initiative, please contact PCSW Public Information Officer, Barbara Potopowicz at 860.240.8300 or e-mail at: barbara.potopowicz@po.state.ct.us

PCSW Women Owned Business Database Form

Organizational Data

(Firms qualifying as women owned must be at least 51% owned, controlled and actively managed by women.)

Company Name _____

Contact _____ Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Fax # _____ e-mail _____

Website address _____

Type of Organization

☐ Corporation ☐ Sole Corporation ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership

Certification (if applicable):

☐ CT State Small Business Certified through ☐ DAS ☐ DOT ☐ SBA 8 (a) Certified

Business Type

Please provide a brief description of your business _____

Please note that this information will be used to compile a database. Filling out this form does not imply certification in any way. You may obtain information about Connecticut State Small Business Certification through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Attention: Business CONNections Program, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 713-5236 or www.das.state.ct.us/busopp.htm. Applications may also be made available through the PCSW office by checking this box. ☐

What are the three most important issues facing women business owners today?

Please return this to the PCSW, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106, fax 860.240.8314

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